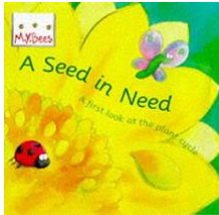
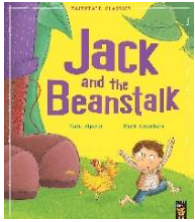


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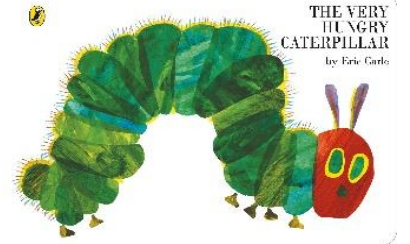


## Planting, growing and changes over time!!



This half term we will develop the children's knowledge of growing and changes over time. We will use the stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to allow us to hook the children's interest and really embed their further learning.

The children will explore planting beans and seeds, and will learn how we look after them to help them grow!



We will have baby Caterpillars arriving in pre-school this half term!

We will be learning how to look after and care for them, and it's a great opportunity for the children to observe a life cycle of nature.

It will encourage talk and discussions together, the using of questions and form an enthusiasm to find things out and develop their own knowledge.

We will be looking at a range of books around planting and growing to help children understand that information can be given through print as well as pictures. They will each have the opportunity to plant their own bean which they can choose to take home and look after with their families, encouraging them to share what they have learnt.

We will be learning about foods that are healthy and good for us, and the impact unhealthy food has on our bodies. The children will have the opportunity to taste and 'munch' through a variety of fruit, just like the very hungry caterpillar!

First-hand experiences:

We will be taking the children in small groups to the garden centre to buy soil and plants in preparation for our nursery vegetable patch.

As we learn about 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' we will visit Portchester Castle where we will make marks to represent the castle before seeing if the Giant is at home!

To encourage the use of different mathematical language such as longer, taller, tallest, smallest, shortest, there will be a range of counting cubes, beads and sticks for the children to make their own beanstalks. They will be encouraged to make predictions when comparing sizes and use different rulers and measuring tapes to check their answers.

Dates for the diary...

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Transition will begin for children continuing their learning journey into Year R at Portsdown Primary School.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Sports Day.

